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For: Controlling Software Components in a § Atty. Dkt. No.: 9172 (NCR.0011US)  
Multi-Node Processing System §

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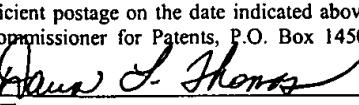
REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 25, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 25, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks regarding the above-identified application.

The current listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper. The claims have not been amended by this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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